

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings from the meeting are available in the Planning Department for full reference.

Attendance

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Chair Jack Baker (McDoel Gardens NA), Vice-Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters), Jerry Stasny (Old Northeast NA), John Kehrberg (citizen), Buff Brown (Bloomington Transportation Options for People), Ted Miller (citizen), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA), and David Walter (6th and Ritter NA).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Steve Forrest (citizen), Brian Allen (Old Northeast NA), Jim Rosenbarger (Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission), Brandon O'Leary (South Griffey NA), Kate Cruikshank (South Griffey NA), Jim Ude (Indiana Dept. of Transportation), Matt Taylor (Level 5 Engineering), Bob Woolford (Housing and Neighborhood Development), Justin Wykoff (Public Works), Joe Fish (MPO staff), Scott Robinson (MPO staff), and Raymond Hess (MPO staff).

I. Call to Order (~6:35PM)

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 23, 2008 meeting were accepted by the CAC without modification.

III. Communications from the Chair

Mr. Baker had no reports.

IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees

There were no reports from officers or committees.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. 2nd Quarter FY 2008 Progress Report

Mr. Hess presented the 2nd Quarter Progress Report for FY 2008 which was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Baker asked if the Complete Streets Policy would be applied as a stand alone policy or incorporated into the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Hess said that both would be appropriate suggestions to consider. A discussion about bicycle and pedestrian counting (methods, equipment, and data) ensued for the 501 element. Recommendations were made to increase bicycle and pedestrian data collection.

B. Complete Streets Policy

Mr. Baker explained this item was taken off of the regular agenda in the interest of allowing time for discussion of other agenda items but that a copy of the draft policy is in the meeting packet. Mr. Forrest asked how to provide input on the draft policy. Mr. Baker asked the Committee to forward comments/suggestions on the draft policy to him

and staff for future consideration.

C. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2009

Mr. Hess reviewed a staff memo and draft tables that were included in the meeting packet which will be used to form the foundation of the FY 2009 UPWP. He explained the purpose of the UPWP and that the deadline for adoption May 15, 2008. He explained that the UPWP will actually be for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 because of the timing associated with the expiration of federal transportation legislation (SAFETEA-LU) in FY 2010. He stated that a more complete draft of the UPWP will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Murray mentioned that IU is initiating a master planning process and the need to coordinate information. There was a discussion about the North Campus Study as an example for the need of this type of coordination as it relates to east-west transportation connections. Mr. Miller expressed the need to include north-south connections. Mr. Hess explained the specifics of the study have not been determined. Mr. Brown suggested the CAC provide input to staff on the scope of work for this study and Mr. Baker said that the timing for this type of input is good. Mrs. Cox-Ash asked if IU had seen the Rose-Hulman Study to which Mr. Murray answered affirmatively.

D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)FY 2009-2012 Development Update

Mr. Hess presented a staff memo and draft tables which will make up the TIP for FY 2009-2012. Mr. Hess stressed that the CAC will be provided several opportunities to comment on the TIP at future meetings before its adoption in June and that the information in the packet is distributed to keep the CAC informed of the TIP development process.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business for consideration.

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program FY 2008-2011 Amendments

Mr. Hess provided an overview of the staff memo included in the meeting packet that detailed the Rogers Street and Country Club Road intersection, the SR 45/46 from Monroe Street to Kinser Pike, the SR 45 from Pete Ellis Drive to Russell Road, and the SR 46 from SR 446 to SR 135 project amendments to the TIP. Mr. Hess said staff would like a recommendation by the CAC since the Policy Committee will be voting on these amendments at their next meeting. Ms. Ryterband made a motion to accept the amendments and Ms. Wrubel seconded. Mr. Baker said the SR 46 Pete Ellis intersection should carryover to the Russell Road project. Mr. Ude said that this amendment for SR 45 is at the early stage of the process (e.g. Preliminary Engineering) so there is time to provide input on the scope and how it ties in to other projects. Mr. Brown asked about the status of the Roger Street project and Mr. Robinson provided an overview and status report. The motion passed (9-1).

B. Bylaws Amendment

Mr. Hess provided an overview of the staff memo included in the meeting packet that

detailed proposed changes to the Operational Bylaws which would have changed the City's representation on the Technical Advisory Committee. Staff requested a recommendation from the CAC since the Policy Committee will vote on this amendment. Mr. Murray made a motion to support the amendment, Mrs. Cox-Ash seconded. The motion passed unanimously (10-0)

C. Rural Transit's 5310 Grant Application

Mr. Hess provided an overview of the staff memo included in the meeting packet that detailed a grant application for Rural Transit to purchase four buses. Staff again requested a recommendation from the CAC since the Policy Committee will vote to endorse the application. Mr. Murray asked if they are diesel buses and Mr. Hess said that it is not clear with the grant application, but it is likely they are diesel. Mr. Forest said that they should be fuel efficient. Mr. Walter made a motion to support the action, Mr. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

D. SR 45/46 Project Update (INDOT)

Mr. Ude provided an overview of the history of the project and the Level 5 Engineering's role to finish the designs. He explained the final field check process and that there will be some ability to modify the designs based on field review. Mr. Taylor reviewed the changes that were incorporated into the designs based on requests from the City and IU. He said there were some changes that included pedestrian refuge islands, increased turning radii, and other bicycle pedestrian changes. Mr. Taylor explained that to move the bike path onto IU property (south/inside side) has created new environmental reviews and they are looking at other ways to deal with this request because INDOT needs to stay within the Right-of-Way for this project. He said the project is on schedule to let in January 2009 and construction would begin the following spring with project costs in the \$20 million range. Mr. Brown asked about the 7th Street connection and Mr. Taylor confirmed the configuration of the 3-way intersection, the pedestrian tunnel, and the potential for a signal if warrants are met. Mr. Taylor then explained that there will be 7 total locations where signals would be along the corridor, but there will not be one at 17th Street. Mr. Rosenbarger said the 24" gutter separation for bike and pedestrian use is not acceptable for the design speed of 45 mph and for an area with high pedestrian activity. He said that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission has stated their concerns for 10 years about this design and that nothing has changed. Ms. Cruikshank commented about the potential urban context of the area. Mr. Murray said IU's growth potential is east of the bypass and it will bisect the campus so the corridor should be in the context of an urban street. Discussion ensued with several comments supporting the urban context of the corridor as opposed to designs for a highway. Mr. Murray questioned why IU and INDOT are not considered the same property owner as the state of Indiana. Mr. Taylor explained that IU is governed by the Board of Trustees and not the state of Indiana. Mr. Walter said the state works on IU roads all the time (maintenance) so he is not sure why this is an issue. He also stated that roads with lower speeds (28 mph) can carry more traffic than roads with higher speeds. Mr. Robinson asked INDOT/Level 5 to identify the next steps of the process and any opportunity for citizens to give specific comments and recommendations. Mr. Taylor said that they have to work within the projects right-of-

way. Mr. Taylor explained that all the intersections are maxed out and that the travel lanes are designed at the minimum width permissible (11 feet). Mrs. Ryterband said they don't want 7 travel lanes at the intersections. Mrs. Cruikshank asked what steps INDOT is taking to address local community goals with their projects. Mr. Ude talked about INDOT's training in Context Sensitive Solutions which is a more collaborative process. He said that making changes to this project will be difficult because the designs are far into the process. There are also significant budget concerns with the project. Mr. Baker asked that people send specific comments to him so he can compile them and the CAC can make a formal recommendation at a later time. Mr. Taylor left a set of designs with the City for people to review. Mr. Ude said that any comments should be submitted to INDOT before the field check and that there are no other public information meetings scheduled.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

Ms. Ryterband asked about the delay on the 10th and Pete Ellis project and Mr. Ude said he would give everyone an update as details become available. Mr. Hess reminded that Scott Truex will be at the next meeting to talk about programs offered by Ball State University.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Policy Committee – March 7, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 26, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C. Technical Advisory Committees – March 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:00 PM)

*These minutes were _____ by the CAC at their regular meeting held on February 27, 2008.
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